

Michigan tickets to go to the ball game a little easier.

The fact is that when people have more in their pocket, it is the nature of power; and power is a zero-sum game. When government has more, people have less. When people have more, government has less. That is where I think we ought to be. That is why we are going to have a tax cut. At the same time, we are going to preserve the spending discipline that we put in when we passed the 1997 budget deal.

I have just got to suggest to everybody in this Chamber, this is a budget that everybody ought to be voting for, because we have been able to accomplish things that have not been accomplished before. We do not want to blow the opportunity to return power to people and fundamentally reform our retirement programs for the baby boomers and reform it in such a way that, again, people are handed some more power to be able to do better planning themselves for their future, particularly when they get to be seniors and it becomes some of the most important time in their life.

So I would like to say to my colleagues, they can vote for this, and I would anticipate before the 15th of this month, we will have a budget resolution conference agreement on this floor that will accomplish what I have outlined. I will look forward to broad bipartisan support.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2¼ minutes, the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution we are about to send to conference does not protect Social Security, and it does not protect Medicare. It does not extend the life of either program or assure the solvency of either by 1 day. It does not rise to the challenge.

Worse still, the enormous tax cuts that it calls for could undercut Social Security and Medicare, especially, Mr. Speaker, if the surpluses projected do not materialize. The tax cuts are locked in: \$143 billion the first 5 years, \$788 billion the second 5 years, \$1.66 trillion the third 5 years. They are a certainty. They are locked in.

The surpluses are economists' constructs. They may happen. I hope they do, but they may not. If they do not, what happens? What happens? How do we run the government when we do not have enough income tax and other tax revenues? We spend the payroll tax revenues.

The problem with that is that the demand upon the Treasury that this bill will make are greatest at the time when Social Security is in greatest need, between 2009 and 2014 when the war babies begin to retire and baby boomers begin to retire.

So this resolution says fix this budget resolution in conference. Save Social Security first, save Medicare as well, and then do tax cuts.

Mr. Speaker, given what the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH) has said, I would say that everyone who

votes with this motion to instruct conferees is making a pledge to follow these priorities, making a pledge to follow these procedures, and specifically making a pledge not to bring a tax bill to the floor of the House for consideration until Social Security is assuredly solvent, until Medicare is assuredly solvent, until both of those things are accomplished and enacted.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed until after the votes on the two suspension motions postponed earlier today.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules and then on the motion to instruct the conferees on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 135, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 911, by the yeas and nays; and

H. Con. Res. 68, the motion to instruct conferees, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the second such vote in this series.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE BY HOUSE WITH AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 98, EXTENSION OF AVIATION WAR RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 135.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 135, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 1, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No. 78]

YEAS—392

Abercrombie	Ehrlich	Kuykendall
Ackerman	Emerson	LaFalce
Aderholt	English	LaHood
Allen	Eshoo	Lampson
Andrews	Etheridge	Larson
Archer	Evans	Latham
Armey	Everett	LaTourette
Bachus	Ewing	Lazio
Baird	Farr	Leach
Baldacci	Fattah	Levin
Baldwin	Filner	Lewis (CA)
Ballenger	Fletcher	Lewis (GA)
Barcia	Foley	Lewis (KY)
Barrett (NE)	Forbes	Linder
Barrett (WI)	Ford	Lipinski
Bartlett	Fossella	LoBiondo
Bass	Fowler	Lofgren
Bateman	Frank (MA)	Lowey
Becerra	Franks (NJ)	Lucas (KY)
Bentsen	Frelinghuysen	Lucas (OK)
Bereuter	Frost	Luther
Berkley	Gallegly	Maloney (CT)
Berry	Ganske	Maloney (NY)
Biggart	Gejdenson	Manzullo
Billbray	Gekas	Markey
Billirakis	Gephardt	Martinez
Blagojevich	Gibbons	Mascara
Bliley	Gilchrest	Matsui
Blumenauer	Gillmor	McCarthy (MO)
Blunt	Gilman	McCarthy (NY)
Boehlert	Gonzalez	McCrery
Boehner	Goode	McDermott
Bonilla	Goodlatte	McGovern
Bonior	Goodling	McHugh
Bono	Goss	McInnis
Boswell	Graham	McIntosh
Boucher	Granger	McIntyre
Boyd	Green (TX)	McKeon
Brady (PA)	Green (WI)	McKinney
Brady (TX)	Greenwood	McNulty
Brown (CA)	Gutierrez	Meehan
Brown (OH)	Gutknecht	Meek (FL)
Bryant	Hall (TX)	Meeks (NY)
Burr	Hansen	Menendez
Burton	Hastings (WA)	Metcalfe
Buyer	Hayes	Mica
Callahan	Hayworth	Millender-McDonald
Calvert	Hefley	Miller (FL)
Camp	Herger	Miller, Gary
Campbell	Hill (IN)	Miller, George
Canady	Hill (MT)	Minge
Cannon	Hilleary	Moakley
Capps	Hilliard	Mollohan
Capuano	Hinchey	Moore
Cardin	Hinojosa	Moran (KS)
Castle	Hobson	Moran (VA)
Chabot	Hoeffel	Morella
Chambliss	Holden	Murtha
Chenoweth	Holt	Myrick
Clay	Hooley	Napolitano
Clayton	Horn	Nethercutt
Clement	Hostettler	Ney
Clyburn	Houghton	Northup
Coble	Hoyer	Norwood
Collins	Hulshof	Nussle
Combest	Hunter	Oberstar
Condit	Hutchinson	Obey
Conyers	Hyde	Olver
Cook	Inslee	Ortiz
Costello	Isakson	Ose
Coyne	Istook	Owens
Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Oxley
Crowley	Jackson-Lee	Packard
Cubin	(TX)	Pallone
Cummings	Jefferson	Pascarell
Davis (FL)	Jenkins	Pastor
Davis (VA)	John	Payne
Deal	Johnson (CT)	Pease
DeFazio	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi
DeGette	Johnson, Sam	Peterson (MN)
Delahunt	Jones (NC)	Peterson (PA)
DeLauro	Jones (OH)	Petri
DeLay	Kanjorski	Phelps
Deutsch	Kaptur	Pickering
Diaz-Balart	Kasich	Pickett
Dickey	Kelly	Pitts
Dicks	Kennedy	Pombo
Dixon	Kildee	Pomeroy
Doggett	Kind (WI)	Porter
Dooley	King (NY)	Portman
Doyle	Kingston	Price (NC)
Dreier	Klecza	Quinn
Duncan	Klink	Rahall
Dunn	Knollenberg	Ramstad
Edwards	Kolbe	Rangel
Ehlers	Kucinich	